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DEPT PASS TO "H" FOR PUGH AND FOR SPENCER OLIVER, CSCE COMMISSION; D/HA FOR PAT DERIAN; AND EUR FOR JACK MARESCA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, FR
SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM STAFFDEL BRODY - MEETINGS WITH QUAI OFFICIAL AND AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN PARIS

1. STAFFDEL BRODY HAS ASKED EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ADDRESSEES:

2. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN TWO MEETINGS WITH BENOIT D'ABOUVILLE, GOF CONCERN OVER CSCE COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN US PLANNING FOR CSCE AND BELGRADE HAS BEEN CLARIFIED. COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL LAST TILL MIDDAY THURSDAY, MARCH 17. END SUMMARY.

3. THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT: IF BENOIT IS CORRECT, THE MAIN GOF ANXIETY APPEARS NOT TO BE A PRECEDENT WHICH MIGHT BE SET BY COMMISSION "PARLIAMENTARIANS" OR STAFF AT EITHER BELGRADE CONFERENCE. GOF MIGHT ACCEPT PRESENCE OF COMMISSIONERS IN A CONTEXT SIMILAR TO ITS OWN DESIGNATION OF PARLIA-
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MENTARIANS AS FRENCH DELEGATION MEMBERS AT MEETINGS SUCH AS UNGA. HOWEVER, THE FRENCH, AND PROBABLY OTHER NATO MEMBERS, ARE STILL SEARCHIRG FOR A CLEAR STATEMENT FROM US MISSION NATO OR ELSEWHERE ON THE CHARACTER OF CURRENT COMMISSION-DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AND PLANS. THE PRIMARY QUESTION THEY WISH ANSWERED IS WHETHER PARLIAMENTARY OR STAFF COMMISSION MEMBERS ON

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US BELGRADE DELEGATION OR AT NATO EXPERT MEETINGS
WILL ATTEMPT TO REGISTER DISSENT WITH OFFICIAL USG
CSCE POLICIES AND POSITIONS BEING REGISTERED AT THE
TIME.

4. MOST, PERHAPS ALL, NATO CONCERN OVER CSCE COMMIS-
SION INVOLVEMENT IN CSCE WOULD BE DISSIPATED, FEELS
BENOIT, IF THERE WERE A FULL INDICATION OF COMMISSION-
DEPARTMENT COORDINATION, WITH A SPECIFIC INDICATION
THAT "DISSENT" WILL NOT OCCUR. I CLARIFIED THE
MATTER BY DRAWING EXTENSIVELY FROM SECRETARY VANCE'S
MARCH 10 LETTER TO CHAIRMAN FASCELL. BENOIT FEELS
THAT IT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF
THERE WERE OFFICIAL USG STATEMENT PARALLEL TO PERTI-
NENT PORTIONS OF THE LETTER'S TEXT.

5. IN THIS RESPECT, STATE 055986 SPOKE TO THIS ISSUE
IN NARROW SENSE. I MAY BE WRONG, BUT STATE 055986
MAY HAVE SUPERSEDED THE CABLE YOU, SLETZINGER, AND I

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PUT TOGETHER WITH JACK MARESCA THREE WEEKS AGO. YOU
MAY REMEMBER THAT OUR COMBINED DRAFT CABLE WAS MEANT
TO BE SENT ONCE THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO
FASCELL WAS DELIVERED. I THINK BENOIT BELIEVES THAT
US MISSION NATO WOULD BE AN IDEAL PLACE TO RECEIVE
AND PASS ON THE CLARIFICATION WE WORKED INTO THAT
DRAFT CABLE. PERHAPS THE NEXT NATO EXPERTS' MEETING
IS ALSO A "RIGHT TIME AND PLACE," TOO, BUT WITHOUT A

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FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE LETTER, OUR EMBASSIES IN
WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE WON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION.

6. COMMISSION MEMBER AT NATO EXPERTS' MEETING: HIS
BEING AN FSO, SAID BENOIT, "IS A GOOD COMPROMISE."
OF WHAT, I DIDN'T PURSUE.

7. COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:
I'M ATTENDING THEM ALL. TUESDAY'S DISCLOSED A CERTAIN
FRUSTRATION ON PARLIAMENTARIANS' PART WITH THE LIMITED
IMPACT THEY HAVE ON THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS'
CSCE POLICY. WE'VE HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE, AND I NOTED
GENERALLY THE COMMISSION'S GENESIS, HISTORY, AND
PRESENT FUNCTIONS AS A DISTINCTLY US SOLUTION TO
ATTEMPT ALLEVIATING THIS KIND OF FRUSTRATION.

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8. REALIZE THAT OUR PHONE CONVERSATIONS MAY HAVE
ALREADY PROMPTED CONSIDERATION OF ACTION RECOMMENDED
IN PARAGRAPH 4. HOWEVER, THE CONTEXT IN WHICH BENOIT
CAST THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LETTER AND OUR IMPROVED
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS WORTH NOTING.

9. WEDNESDAY'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION IS NOW
SCHEDULED TO CARRY THROUGH AT LEAST UNTIL MIDDAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 17. I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE
TWA FLIGHT THAT DAY. AM BOOKED FOR THE NEXT DAY.
PLEASE INFORM BARBARA OF THIS CHANGE (333-9144).
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